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To the members of St. Paul Parish,

We are happy to be able to provide you with this Parish Guide Book and Directory. Its purpose is to make you aware of the many ministries and activities that bring energy and life to our parish community. It also provides a handy reference of names and phone numbers of those in positions of leadership and service. Hopefully, you will find it an informative and helpful tool. Please use this booklet as a guide, not only to the services provided by your parish but also as a reminder of all the ways that you can contribute.

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Father Gerald Blessing
Pastor

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Daily 7:45 a.m.

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Sunday 7:00 a.m.; 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.

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Saturday 3:45p.m.-4:15p.m.

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Father Gerald Blessing - Pastor (636) 978-1900 ext 222

Deacon Bob Marischen (314) 574-4483

Teresa Boehmer - Bookkeeper (636) 978-1900 ext 224

Crystal Smith - Secretary (636) 978-1900 ext 221

Lori Wortmann - Stewardship & Office Supervisor (636) 978-1900 ext 223

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 4:00pm

First Sunday of the Month 7:30am - 12:30pm

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Kelly Kaimann, Principal (636) 978-1900 ext 231

Erienne Richey, Secretary (636) 978-1900 ext 230

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Ron Gardiner	636-978-7639
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PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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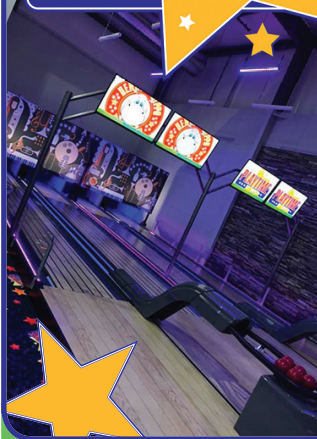
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Confirmation.....	April 20, 2020
First Communion	April 25, 2020
Donut Sunday	May 3, 2020
8th Grade Graduation	May 19, 2020
Soccer and Volleyball Sign ups.....	mid-May to mid-June 2020
Vacation Bible School.....	June 15-19, 2020
White House Women's Retreat	July 23-26, 2020
Ice Cream Social	August 3, 2020
First Day of School	August 18, 2020
RCIA Begins	September 2020
Annual Parish Picnic	September 6, 2020
PSR Begins	September 9, 2020
Outdoor Mass.....	September 12, 2020
Basketball Sign ups	mid-September to end of October 2020
Ladies Sodality Winery Trip	October 3, 2020
Donut Sunday	October 4, 2020
Trunk or Treat.....	October 2020
Mass of Remembrance	November 7, 2020
Fall Quilt Social.....	November 14, 2020
Outreach Collection	Thanksgiving 2020
Ladies Sodality Advent By Candlelight/Christmas Party	November 28, 2020
Breakfast with Santa	December 6, 2020
First Reconciliation	December 2020
Giving Tree.....	December 2020
Day School Registration for 2021/2022.....	end of January 2021
Catholic Schools Week	January 31 - February 6, 2021
School Open House for Prospective Families.....	January 31, 2021
Baseball/Softball Sign ups	early 2021
Ash Wednesday - Outreach Collection.....	February 17, 2021
7th Grade Trivia	February 27, 2021
Bi-annual Spring Appeal	Spring 2021
Spring Quilt Social.....	March 6, 2021
Men's Breakfast.....	March 7, 2021
White House Men's Retreat	Spring 2021
PSR Registration for 2021/2022	April 2021
Easter.....	April 4, 2021

ACTIVITIES AND MEETING SCHEDULES

Baptism Preparation.....	1st Wednesday
Finance Council	4th Monday
Parish Council	1st Monday
PSR (Sept to Apr)	Wednesday
Quilters	Monday and Tuesday
RCIA (Sept to Apr)	Thursday
School Board.....	3rd Monday

Dates subject to change - please check the weekly bulletin for updates and information on activities.

LITURGY/WORSHIP

Altar Servers

We are looking for young people, over the age of 10, who will assist the priest during our liturgical celebrations. What a great way to serve your parish family.
Lori Wortmann..... 636-978-1900, ext 223

Children's Liturgy

A team of parishioners who prepare occasional Masses designed especially for children.
Call the school office..... 636-978-1900, ext 230

Musicians/Cantor/Choir

Lead the parish community in liturgical song at Eucharistic celebrations.
Ruth Vomund

Eucharistic Ministers

Responding to their baptismal call to Christ's ministry, parishioners assist the pastor in distributing the Holy Eucharist.
Deacon Bob Marischen..... 314-574-4483

Lectors

"And the Word became Flesh." Join our family of lectors and proclaim God's Word at our liturgical celebrations.
Deacon Bob Marischen..... 314-574-4483

Liturgy Committee

A team of parishioners who prepare special Eucharistic celebrations.
Ruth Vomund

Offertory Gift Bearer

We ask families to consider taking up the gifts at the offertory. Introduce yourself to the usher so he/she will know you would like the honor of bringing the gifts to the altar.

Ushers/Greeters

The parish's "Ministers of Hospitality" provide a very special service to the faith community by creating an atmosphere of friendliness while welcoming members and visitors. Duties also include gathering the offertory collection and distributing the parish bulletin.

Lori Wortmann 636-978-1900, ext 223

Sacristan - Altar Angels

These men and women, known as our "silent angels," are responsible for cleaning and maintaining plants, candles, altar linens and other items needed for our many liturgical celebrations.

Carol Mitulski 636-240-6059

Carol Patton 314-570-0068

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Perpetual Adoration

Matt. 11:28 "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest." Would you like an hour of peace once in a while? Spend an hour with the Lord, choose a regularly scheduled hour, be a substitute or just drop by the chapel at any time.

Virginia Mueller 636-272-4108

Respect Life Committee

Coordinates the parish's educational, spiritual, pastoral and public advocacy efforts to restore respect for human life. Respect Life Sunday is the first Sunday in October each year. Join us in the chapel every 1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m. for a Holy Hour for Life.

Mary Dyer 636-978-2530

White House Retreats

A retreat at the Jesuit White House is the perfect opportunity to find peace, quiet and inspiration for your soul. It's like taking a mini-vacation with God. The St. Paul Parish men's annual retreat is in March and the women's is in July. Retreats at White House are silent, guided by Jesuit directors, and are based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

Tom Daugherty (Men) 636-272-5972

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCE

Archdiocese Catholic Appeal (ACA)

The Annual Catholic Appeal is the moment we unite as the Catholic community to reach out to serve others - the homeless, the unemployed, the sick, the elderly, the handicapped and the unborn.

Dave & Carol Hoff..... 636-625-3150

Gary & Joan Runge 636-281-0999

BeOne

beONE is a call to the revitalization of our local Church and a call to renew our baptismal promises to be the Church, to live out the Gospel and help one another be more Catholic and get to Heaven. beONE is a way to think about what we do (and don't do) and aims to provide a common way of thinking, talking and prioritizing, with the ultimate hope of fostering collaboration between parishes.

Kathy Chostner 636-294-1644

Finance Council

Assists the Pastor with administration of the Parish finances. Duties include capital and operating budgets, reviewing of financial records, financial reporting, strategic planning and ensuring proper internal controls.

Ralph Lambert 636-272-4985

Online Giving

Visit our website at www.st-paulchurch.org and click on the link for online giving to sign up to contribute automatically to our parish.

Teresa Boehmer 636-978-1900, ext 224

Parish Pastoral Council

The ministry of the parish pastoral council is where the people of God (priests, religious, laity) together reflect on the parish's ministerial activity and, on the basis of reflection, discern what needs to be changed or developed in the parish to make it more faithful to what God is calling it to be. The council's functions are to establish and implement parish goals, coordinate all parish related activity, promote meaningful dialogue and decision making, and to identify and encourage the use of the gifts and talents of the parish members.

Ken Vomund..... 636-281-2417

TWB (Scrip) Program

A fund-raising program involving the selling of gift certificates for area retailers.

Crystal Smith 636-978-1900, ext 221

EDUCATION

School Board

The functions of the School Board include: A) to review the mission, vision and philosophy statements for the Parish School; B) to advise the Pastor in making policy for the Parish School; C) to approve the final budget that will be submitted to the Finance Council and the Pastor; D) to determine and secure the needed funding for the Parish School; E) to develop and implement a strategic plan consistent with the mission and vision of the Parish School; F) to establish and implement marketing activities for the Parish School; and G) to make recommendations to the Pastor on the employment of a Principal.

Lauren Hall 314-703-0037

RCIA

Adult Education process of welcoming and forming adults interested in becoming Catholic; a formation process for sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. There is an opportunity to sponsor interested adults, young adults and teens seeking to become Catholic.

Vernon Bauer 636-281-8835

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

St. Paul Parish offers a PSR program for those families who attend public schools. The program covers grades K thru 8. Classes are held each Wednesday evening, 6:30-7:45 in the school.

Deacon Bob Marischen..... 314-574-4483

Faith Works

A monthly faith-based workshop that provides an opportunity for pre-k to elementary aged children of the parish to come together, learn a bible verse and talk about how it relates to them.

Ellie Carter..... 636-515-8392

Sunday School

Spring and Fall sessions during the 9am Sunday Mass for children ages 3yr (with independent bathroom skills) to Kindergarten. The Mission of St. Paul Catholic Church Sunday School is to lead preschoolers into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. The children read and discuss the same Gospel reading as we do in church. The Gospel reading is reinforced with age-appropriate discussions and activities.

Ellie Carter..... 636-515-8392

Marina Sigmund 314-440-2979

Vacation Bible School

Are your kids curious about Jesus' life as a young child? If so, join us for VBS, where kids age 4 through 5th grade gather daily for one week in the summer to learn through music, games and activities about Jesus' life as a young kid.

Mindy Schultz 636-294-0236

PASTORAL CARE AND CHRISTIAN SERVICES

Eucharistic Ministry to Sick & Homebound

The Eucharist is brought to those sick or homebound.

Virginia Mueller 636-272-4108

Bereavement Committee and Remembrance Mass

Comfort is given to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one through death and assistance is provided in planning funeral Masses. A annual Remembrance Mass is planned for those parishioners who have passed away.

Carol Adams 636-978-1165

Funeral Luncheons

A funeral reception is offered for those grieving families, at no cost. A broad range of activities makes this possible: providing a covered dish, telephone committee to coordinate gathering of food, serving food, etc.

Evelyn Hoeckelmann..... 314-608-1453

Grief Ministry

A grief support program to provide those who have lost loved ones with a safe and trusting environment in which to meet with others who are also grieving.

Mary Hargadine 314-378-3217

New Family Welcome

More than just the shake of the hand and a friendly “How do you do”, the quarterly New Family Welcome provides new parish families an introduction to all that St. Paul Parish has to offer. The group shares information regarding parish activities, events, areas of stewardship that are available, and how they can go about becoming active in any of the areas of interest. Needless to say this invitation of fellowship allows the real personality of our parish to be revealed to our newest members - one that says “We are so happy to have you here and to have you as a member of our parish community.”

Dan and Mary Beth Mueller 314-495-6770

Andy and Jill Gould 636-240-1707

PARISH HELPERS

Auction Committee

A group of parishioners who plan and coordinate the bi-annual Dinner Auction.

Amy Von Bokel..... 636-294-4036

Building & Grounds

Responsible for maintenance of the existing physical facilities. Reports the condition of the grounds and checks on the safety of our facilities.

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Dan Mehegan..... 636-240-4261



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Parish Picnic Committee

This committee is responsible for planning and coordinating the annual Parish Picnic and for acknowledging, with gratitude, the many volunteers who have so generously served, our faith community.

Ken Vomund.....636-281-2417

Men's Breakfast

Our annual breakfast is held on the first Sunday of March.

Jerome Mueller.....314-348-4096

Parish Mailings

This group assists in stuffing envelopes with occasional parish bulk mailings (seasonal and picnic mailings).

Crystal Smith636-978-1900, ext 221

SCHOOL HELPERS

Call the school office.....636-978-1900, ext 2

School Library Aide

We provide and maintain reading resources that enhance the education of our school students.

School Recess and Cafeteria Supervisor

We provide the supervision for our school students so that teachers have some down time to refresh themselves.

School Room Mother

We coordinate holiday parties for the school children.

School Teacher's Aide

We provide assistance to the teachers in the Pre-K and primary grades.

ORGANIZATIONS

American Heritage Girls

A premier national character development organization for girls age 5-18 that embraces Christian values and encourages family involvement.

Barb Vomund636-240-7565

Knights of Columbus

A fraternal organization of Catholic men promoting the spiritual life of its members and engaging in service projects for the community and Church. Be proud to be a Knight in the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world, dedicated to serving God, country and our order with Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The Knights meet every 1st and 3rd Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the K.C. Hall.

Randy Mueller314-420-0589

Ladies Sodality

The Ladies Sodality represents all the women in the parish. A schedule of meetings and events are sent out at the beginning of each new year. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mindy Hemmer 314-402-3586

Quilters

Quilting is done in the Parish Annex from September through May on Mondays, noon to 4:30pm and 6:00pm to 9:00pm and on Tuesdays, 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Janet Knaust 636-272-5412

Ronnie Buese 636-978-4322

St. Paul Parent Teacher Organization (SPPTO)

The St. Paul Parent Teacher Organization is primarily a fundraising organization that allocates its raised funds to promote academic progress, extracurricular activities and youth related community projects which directly relate to the teachers and students at St. Paul School.

Genny Hembrook 314-574-9785

St. Paul Youth Sports Association (SPYSA)

The St. Paul Youth Sports Association is an organization of volunteers dedicated to providing quality baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball and soccer programs for the youth of St. Paul and surrounding communities in St. Charles County, MO.

Daniel Mueller 314-971-5632

ESTABLISHING AN ESTATE PLAN

Everyone should have an estate plan comprising of either a will or a trust.

A will is a legal document that allows you to control how your assets are distributed after your lifetime. Without a will, the probate court will decide who gets your assets upon your death. Typically, the court will split your assets between the surviving spouse and children, or your blood relatives.

A trust allows you to control how the assets are distributed both during and after your lifetime. Establishing a trust requires that you transfer ownership or title of your assets to the name of your trust. Since the trust owns the assets, there is nothing for the courts to control when you die.

This is beneficial since, unlike your will, you avoid all the costs, delays and publicity of the probate process. However, depending on its complexity, a trust can be more expensive than a will.

For detailed questions on wills or trusts, contact an estate-planning attorney. If you are planning on giving to a charity, please consider St. Paul Parish as part of your estate plan. For more information, you may contact the Archdiocesan Office of Stewardship and Development's Planned Giving Department at 314-633-2231 or the Parish Center at 978-1900, ext 224.

HISTORY

*A great portion of our parish history is taken from "Dog Prairie Tales"
by Judy Sigmund:*

A number of German farmers banded together in 1836 and erected a small wooden building near the site of the present St. Paul Church. The little church was the site of occasional Sunday Masses celebrated by Father Lyons of Millwood. This wooden building was later used as a home for the tenant of the church farm and later as a school.

The land transaction from Mr. Haas to the Jesuits of St. Louis for the purpose of constructing a Catholic church in the farming region of Dog Prairie, more formally referred to as Wellsburgh, Upper Dardenne, was completed in 1848.

As the little group of worshippers increased in number, they outgrew the wooden building and in 1849 the cornerstone of a new church was laid. A Jesuit from St. Charles officiated at the ceremony. It was decided by the group to build the church of rough limestone blocks. The structure was 40' x 80' with a wooden spire and was completed in 1854.

Reverend Edward Hamill was appointed the first pastor in 1852. Father Conrad Tintrup was appointed pastor of St. Joseph at Allen Prairie and the second Catholic Church at Wellsburgh in 1859. He named the second church St. Paul.

In 1895 preparation was begun to build a new and larger church. The parishioners donated their time and money and hauled 500 wagon loads of sand, rock, 37,000 bricks, lumber and slate to the site.

Most of the materials were shipped by railroad to Richfield station, north of Highway 79, and by wagon to the village. Acquiring the building materials took nearly two years.

On July 13, 1896, Holy Mass was celebrated for the last time in the limestone church. During this month of July, the building was pulled down and much of the stone was used in the concrete foundation of the new church. For a year, Mass was held in the school building which had been built in 1867. The architectural style of the church was known as American Gothic Revival and the exterior was of buff colored brick with a slate roof. The dimensions were 47' x 118' with a spire reaching 125'.

Notes kept by Father Tintrup dated March 1, 1898, revealed the following: "Upon completion of the building, the high altar, side altars, confessional, organ bells, and other utensils used in the old church were moved to the new one." It is agreed among senior members of today's parish that these are the same altars, with some remodeling, present in our church today. Father Tintrup listed the total cost of the building at \$20,000.

Robert J. Tock

Financial Advisor

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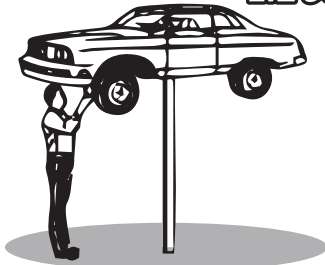
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Reverend Gerard Fick was named assistant pastor of St. Paul in 1900 after Father Tintrup contracted a serious eye affliction. Father was forced to retire because of blindness in 1903 and was followed by Reverend Bernard Benton who remained at St. Paul until 1906.

Reverend Peter Byrne was pastor from 1908 to 1909. Reverend Edward Kern was named pastor in 1909. Some of our senior parishioners recall that the altars were originally much taller, crowned with a statue of the Sacred Heart and saintly statues in the niches at each side. It is believed to have been during Father Kern's pastorship that a section was removed from the altar to make it shorter. The Sacred Heart statue was then placed on a pedestal near the side altar and a large crucifix was mounted above the tabernacle. In 1937, Father Kern died of heart failure in the rectory.

Monsignor John Fischer was appointed pastor in 1937. He saw a need for repainting of the church interior. He requested that each family give one dime each Sunday and the church could be redecorated. He initiated the weekly contribution envelope and his campaign was successful. The Monsignor remained in St. Paul for six years until Reverend James Beggan was assigned to the post on March 8, 1943, and died suddenly on August 14, 1943. Reverend Charles Schmidt assisted at the parish for several months until Reverend Michael Bresnahan was appointed to St. Paul late in 1943. Father purchased a bronze tabernacle door, present today, to replace the wooden one. He added spotlights in the sanctuary to highlight the tabernacle. Father Meyer from Josephville wired the spotlights. Father Bresnahan exchanged favors by serving as censor librorum (checking books for theological accuracy) for Father Meyer. Father Bresnahan had a strong devotion to the Infant of Prague and placed a statue of the Infant in the north wall alcove of the church.

Reverend Leo Sullivan served as pastor from 1957 until 1960. Reverend Henry Kohnen became pastor in 1960. His first undertaking was the remodeling of the church in 1961. This was in response to the bishop's plan to build a new church. Father Kohnen's plan was to make the church as good as new for much less money than the proposed amount needed for a new building. A new roof was placed and slate was applied to the bell tower. The buff brick walls were tuckpointed and new sidewalk laid. The interior was painted in shades of gold and beige. The original multicolored stained glass windows, donated by parish families, were replaced with amber glass and exterior storm windows. The tall windows in the sanctuary were closed. Much ornamentation was removed from the altars and the brightly colored statues were repainted in somber hues. The Sacred Heart and St. Elizabeth statues were put in storage. The Sorrowful Mother was placed in the baptistry. The crucifix above the main altar was replaced with one of linden wood imported from Italy. The dark wooden communion railing was removed and replaced by one of wrought iron.

A matching lectern was added. The highly ornamented pulpit, surrounded by statues of the evangelists, was also removed. The dark wood canopy of the pulpit was painted white and placed above the tabernacle on the main altar. Red carpet was laid in the aisles.

White linoleum was placed in the sanctuary. The benches and light fixtures were also replaced. There were changes from top to bottom, inside and outside.

During Father Kohnen's pastorship, Vatican Council II was held and the decree was issued that Mass could be said in the language of the people and the priest was to face the congregation. A simple white wooden altar was placed in the sanctuary to accommodate. This "table" became the main altar. Mrs. Elizabeth Johannesmann Vomund donated an altar made of wood and formica a few years later.

Reverend Francis Muellner was pastor at St. Paul from 1969 to 1972. Reverend Joseph Meissner served from 1972 to 1976 and made some changes in the church building. He altered the confessional to accommodate face-to-face penitents and he removed the gates from the communion railing to open the sanctuary to the congregation. He also added air conditioning to the church.

Reverend Raymond Liermann was appointed pastor in 1976 and served until 1987. During his pastorship a restroom was constructed behind the baptismal area in the back of church.

Reverend Joseph Wolf was appointed pastor in 1987 and served only a few months followed by Reverend Monsignor Bernard Boessen. The Monsignor initiated a redecoration program in 1990. Since Vatican Council II, a distinct emphasis has been given to the sacrament of Baptism and it seemed appropriate to move the baptismal font to the sanctuary. The confessional was moved from the original position on the south side of the church to the back of the church. The Last Supper in bas relief was moved from the high altar to the main altar where it was more visible to the congregation. A white wooden lectern in the style of the altars was added.

Parishioners were nostalgic for the old statues, and the Sorrowful Mother, Sacred Heart and St. Elizabeth were returned to the church from storage. The church was repainted and mauve carpet was laid throughout the building. Monsignor Boessen oversaw the redecoration and reopening of the side chapel for perpetual adoration in 1991.

Reverend Monsignor John Hickel was appointed pastor in 1996. Two beautiful stained glass windows were acquired from St. Aloysius Church when that parish closed. This acquisition allowed the reopening of the tall windows in the sanctuary. The project was completed in February 2007.

Father Gerald Blessing was appointed administrator in June 2013 and pastor in June 2014. In the fall of 2013, through the hard work of many volunteers and generous donors, the rectory was renovated. The renovations included an updated kitchen and bathrooms, as well as new flooring and a main floor laundry.

A new heating and cooling system was installed in the church in 2017. In the fall of 2017, the cemetery was expanded to make additional 1,000 plots available to the parishioners of St. Paul Church. A major renovation of the church and chapel took place from January 3, 2018 to mid-April 2018. Weekend Masses were held in the gym and weekday Masses in the Parish Center. The project included repairing and painting of the walls and ceiling, new porcelain tile flooring, darker stain on the pews and a new mural in the dome above the altar. The lighting throughout the church was also upgraded. The hall at the parish picnic grounds was expanded and renovated in Spring 2018.



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